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**Alabastine**

The Beautiful Wall Tint

Made and Used for 25 Years

Alabastine has been used by hundreds of thousands of painters and decorators—by housekeepers and housewives for thirty-five years with unqualified success.

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**The only Tool Needed to Apply**

Important to Alabastine Purchasers

We put a red cross and a red circle on each package of Alabastine just as it would be easy for you to identify Alabastine when you ask for and pay for it. You will get the red cross and red circle on the Alabastine you buy. Alabastine is sold in all drug stores and paint stores everywhere.

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**Three Hundred Million Bushel Crop in 1915**

Farmers pay for their land with one year's crop and prosperity was never so great.

Regarding Western Canada as a grain producer, a prominent business man says: "Canada's position today is sounder than ever. There is more wheat, more oats, more grain for feed, 20% more cattle than last year and more hogs. The war market in Europe needs our surplus. As for the wheat crop, it is marvelous and a monument of strength for business confidence to build upon, exceeding the most optimistic predictions."

**Wheat averaged in 1915 over 25 bushels per acre**  
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Prices are high, markets convenient, excellent land, low in price either improved or otherwise, ranging from \$12 to \$30 per acre. Free homestead lands are plentiful and not far from railway lines and convenient to good schools and churches. The climate is healthful.

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 G. W. AIRD, 215 Traction-Terminal Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.  
 Canadian Government Agents

**Exercise.**

Visitor—Do you give your dog any exercise?

Owner—Yes, he goes for a tramp every day.—Burr.

**Throw Off Colds and Prevent Grip.**

When you feel a cold coming on, take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. It removes cause of colds and grip. Inquire for "BROMO QUININE." W. W. GIBBS'S signature on box, 50c.

**Proof Positive.**

Knicker—Is Smith a prominent man?

Booker—He must be; he hasn't been suggested for the cabinet.

**Important to Mothers.**

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of **Dr. J. C. Fitcher**. In Use for Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria.

**An Obstacle.**

"Did he swear a blue streak?"

"I really can't tell—on account of being color blind."

Love may be blind, but it can usually locate the almighty dollar.

**WHAT EVERY WOMAN KNOWS.**

Every woman takes great pride in having her home well kept, in having the family wash done early in the week. Good bluing is needed even more than good soap. Be sure to use Red Cross Ball Blue.—Adv.

**Heard in Court.**

Plaintiff's Lawyer—I rest the case.

Defendant's Ditto—You ought to; it's pretty weak.

**USE ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE**

The antiseptic powder to be shaken into shoes and used in foot-baths. It relieves painful, swollen, smarting, aching, tired feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. The greatest comfort discovery of the age. Sold everywhere. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. Adv.

After ten years of experimenting a Massachusetts carpenter has built a small table that contains 20 secret drawers.

Copenhagen has prohibited the wearing of unprotected bathings by women in street cars.

## Clean the Blood A NEW DISCOVERY

Spring is the time of the year when we should put our house in order. We're run down after a hard winter—after grip, colds, catarrh. It's time to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, purely vegetable and free from alcohol or narcotics. It will search out impure and poisonous matter and drive it from the system. Buy "Discovery" now in tablets or liquid.

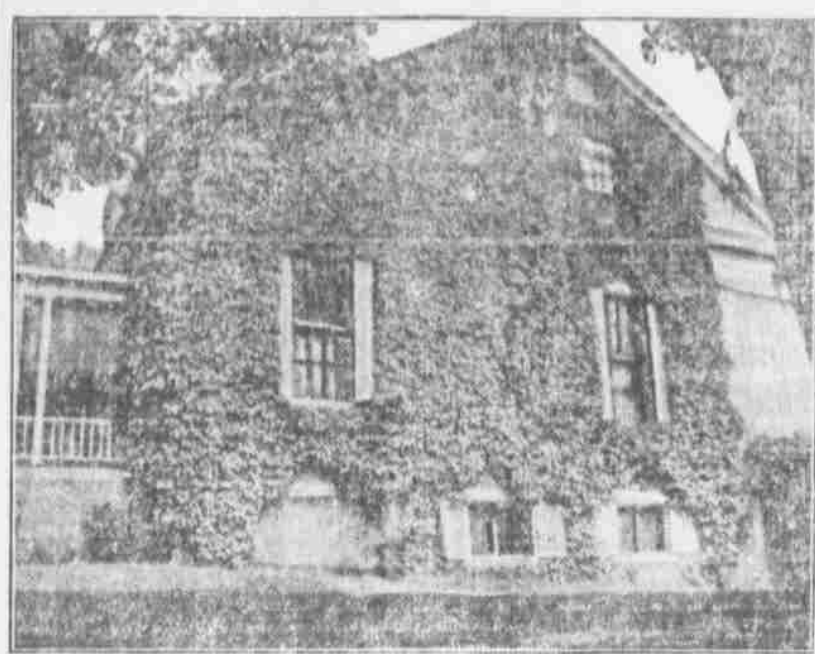
It will dissolve the poisonous accumulations and replace the bad blood it drives out, with rich, pure blood full of vital force.

It will clear the skin; eczema, pimples, rash, blotches will dry up and disappear; boils, carbuncles and other evidences of tainted blood will pass away, never to appear again.

Go to your nearest drug store and simply ask for a 50-cent package of "Anuric," or send Dr. Pierce 10c for trial pkg.

## The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery  
Their Care and Cultivation



Boston Ivy as a Beautifier.

### FIRST WORK FOR GARDEN

By L. M. BENNINGTON.

One does not need a large variety of flowers or vegetables to get both pleasure and profit from a garden. I do the planting and much of the work on a plot of about one acre. The products include asters, dahlias, strawberries, tomatoes, celery, string beans, etc.

March is none too soon to commence shaping one's plans for the garden. A good catalogue from some reliable seedsmen is necessary. My experience has been that it is a mistake to try too many varieties of vegetables. Of peas, tomatoes and cabbage, select two varieties, one early the other late. Of all the other vegetables I find one variety sufficient.

Order your seeds early, for by the middle of March one can begin operations by sowing tomato, cabbage, and celery seeds in boxes filled with earth.

Cigar boxes make a good receptacle for starting plants. They are deep enough and a good size for standing on the window sill. Two hundred plants can be started in one box. The early cabbage and tomato should be started first.

If you are going to try celery it should be among the first started. Do not cover the seed too deep. Follow the direction on the package as to depth.

Do not get discouraged about results, as celery seed germinates very slowly. Keep the top of the earth all ways moist, and do not look for plants until the third week. When they do show give plenty of light, so that they will not be spindling.

This also applies to cabbage and tomatoes. All of them will grow long threadlike stems, which will be too weak to support themselves, unless given plenty of sunlight. The celery plants can remain in the cigar box much longer than any of the other plants that I have suggested for house starting. They grow slowly. The tomatoes and cabbage will soon need larger quarters.

As soon as the fourth leaf is under way, they should be planted into flats. Mine are about two feet square and three inches deep. I nailed them up myself, and any other woman with a few boards, a saw and a hammer, can do as much. Once made they will be good for several seasons. Do not fill with earth to the top.

By the time the plants are transplanted in the flats there will be many days when they can be placed outside for a few hours. This should be done whenever possible.

### WORK IN FLOWER GARDEN

Seed of canna, nasturtium, cypress vine, and other "hard wooded" seeds are benefited by soaking in hot water for twelve hours before planting.

When spraying the orchard this spring do not neglect to spray roses, shrubs and small fruits. It will do them a world of good.

Experiment with flower novelties, but do not "bank" on them. Don't trust seeds to cold, wet soil—

wait until the earth is dry and warmed by the sun.

Be sure to start the late-blooming annual in the house. For instance, the cosmos.

Try a few of the summer blooming bulbs and tubers this year—tuberous-rooted begonias, caladiums, dahlias, cannas, tube roses, etc. They are satisfactory summer bloomers.

The following plants will flourish on the shady side of the house: Ferns, pansies, sweet-alyssum, wandering jew, mignonette, torenias, forget-me-nots, primroses, minulas, begonias, fuchsias, heliotropes and godetias.

These thrive in the sun: Verbena, nasturtium, phlox, petunias, nigellas, geraniums, candytuft, cypress vine, hyacinth beans, morning glories, and in fact almost all our bedding annuals.

Have the sweet pea bed two feet wide, and as long as wanted. Manure it heavily and spade deeply. Run two furrows down the center six inches apart, and ten inches deep, and fill with leaf mold or well rotted manure. Mix this with the surrounding soil, and then plant the peas one inch apart and five inches deep. Cover with soil and firm it well.

When spring comes work the soil about the shrubs and perennials, and fork in the winter's mulch. If the plants are getting too large divide them, and they will bloom more profusely.

Before the rose starts growing in spring cut back at least two-thirds of last year's growth—more if you want large flowers. If only one-half of the growth is removed, there will be more flowers, but they will be small. Remove all old and weak growth.

If stocky cosmos are wanted begin to pinch out the end of the stem when the seedling is five or six inches high, and treat every shoot until the end of July.

### PLAN EARLY FOR VEGETABLES

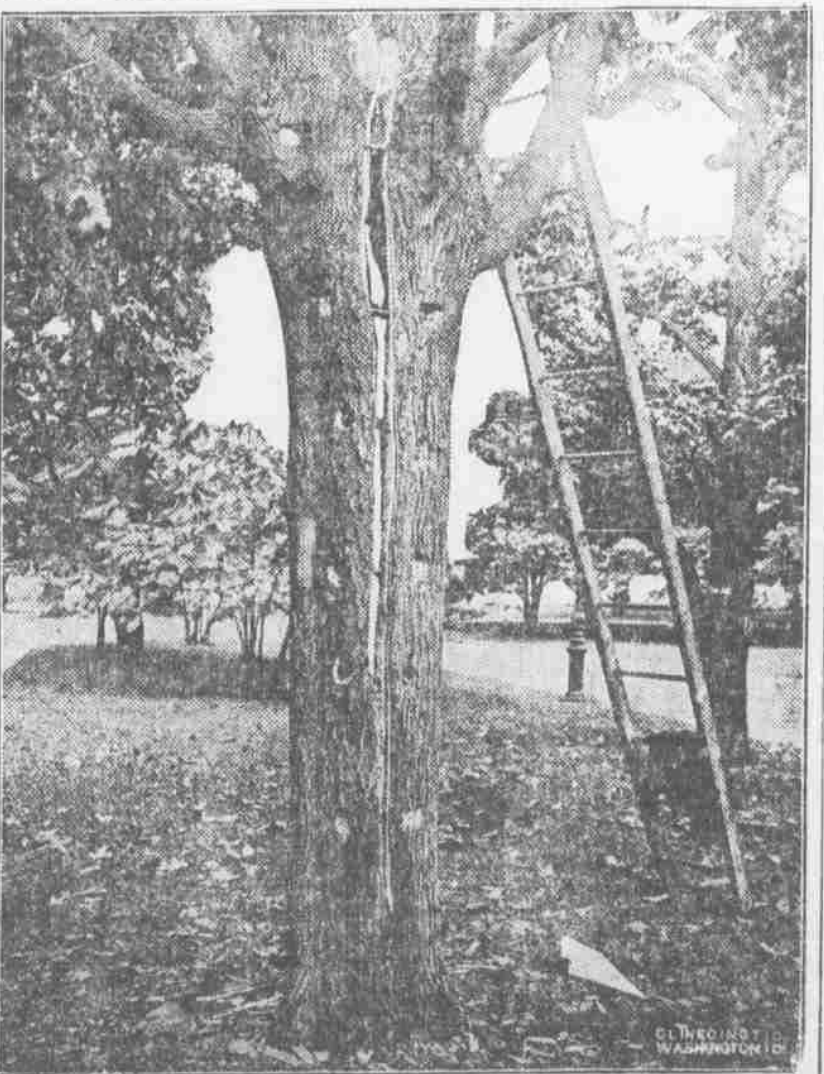
Plan for an extra-early bed of vegetables by throwing the soil of a well-drained bed into narrow ridges with deep furrows between them. The action of the elements will so work upon the texture of the soil that you will be able to plant a bed a week or two earlier than the rest of the garden.

### HOW TO PLANT CANNAS

Plant canna one or two feet apart, depending altogether if they be dwarf or the tall-growing sort. They like very rich soil and plenty of water during the growing season. They come in many beautiful colors and shades, splashed, marbled, striped, spotted and blotched.

### GIVES ONE CROP OF FLOWERS

The cineraria gives but one good crop of flowers, and no amount of pinching back, stimulating, etc., will induce it to give another. It likes plenty of pot room and good drainage. If attacked by aphids, apply insect powder to the underside of the leaves when they are damp.



A Sample of Tree Surgery.

## FIGURES IN HISTORY

CITY OF LAON RENOWNED FOR MANY CENTURIES.

Two Thousand Years Ago It Was a Central Point for Which Armies Contended—Cathedral the Admiration of Travelers.

Laon, behind the German lines, is one of the pleasantest towns of northern France, says a description issued by the National Geographic Society. Founded by the Celts, it felt the early waves of Teutonic invasion more than 2,000 years ago; and greater and lesser waves have followed in varying succession ever since. With Laon as a base, Celt and Roman carried civilization across the Rhine; taught the rude warrior folk to the north the refinements of ancient empire; and brought them weights, money, letters, improved weapons, manufactured products, and the glowing wine of the southland.

Remigius, who baptized Chlodwig, appointed a bishop to Laon almost before the Christian morning in Trans-Alpine Europe had dawned. The Normans swept over the town in 882, and the next few centuries saw many another horde of warriors follow the same path. By the beginning of the fourteenth century, however, Laon was a world-city, guarded by strong walls and towers, and garrisoned by the choicest adventurers of the empire and of the low countries.

Henry IV reduced the city in 1594; and, in 1814, the citadel on the flat rock on which the city stands was successfully defended by Russian and Prussian soldiers against the despairing thrusts of the great Napoleon. In 1870, here in Laon, was performed one of the most renowned of all the valorous deeds of the Franco-Prussian war. As the Magdeburg Jaeger stormed into the citadel, crowding back the small French garrison and fling the inclosure, the French blew up themselves and the victors, selling the place at an unexpected heavy cost.

Where the walls once stood—impreachable defenses in the old days before the use of gunpowder and the high explosive shells, today are situated beautiful shaded promenades. Everywhere in the older town, that part upon the hill, are interesting memorials of the city's gray past. In the lower town are the concessions made to modern times—the railway station, the gas works, beet sugar factory, and abattoir.

The Laon artichoke is a blue-ribbed winner among vegetables, and it finds its way only into the most exclusive kitchens of Paris and London. Moreover, it is an edible of literary fame; for, in popular European romances, its presence on the table is the writer's way of marking dinner and surroundings as quite out of the ordinary.

The cathedral at Laon, a wonderful structure that many travelers deserving of opinion treasure even beyond those of Reims, Paris, Orleans, Rouen, Noyon and Amiens, dominates from its stocky towers all Picardie for miles around. Around the cathedral in the upper city are scattered a number of structures of long pasts and fascinating reminiscence.

### Multiple-Disk Phonograph.

Playing two or more phonograph records at a time as a means for increasing sound volume has often been tried, but generally with poor success. Only a slight difference in the speeds or timing of the two disks results in throwing the melody into a jarring discord, for one record soon plays far ahead of the other.

To obviate these difficulties, and still secure the larger volume of sound resulting from the use of two or more records at the same time, a Paris inventor has devised a phonograph of a type different from the ordinary kind. All the records are attached to one vertical driving axis, and because of this mechanical connection, must necessarily remain in unison throughout the playing of any given piece. Each disk is provided with its own needle and reproducer. All the sound goes into a common horn by means of suitable connecting arms properly pivoted at the large ends.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

### February.

February is the calendar's only shortage in all its weary rounds of great and small business routine. In spite of its Gregorian reformation February turned out bad. Of the year's family of twelve, the second was destined to be the black sheep. As to just when its shortage first occurred we do not know, and it would require a pilgrimage to the encyclopedia to find out—so let it go, but suffice to say that it was finally discovered by an unexpected examiner that dropped in and demanded the books.

In prison he was known as "28" and called "Feb" for short.

It may be added to the month's credit, however, that although its life is fraught with hard and bitter experiences, it brought us Washington and Lincoln. It showed the world that it could make good—and it did.—No. 9031 in the New Era, federal penitentiary, Leavenworth.

### Steals Tire, Buys Wrapper.

When David Stanton of Holly avenue went to take out his automobile he discovered that the car was shy a tire, with rim attached. An investigation revealed the fact that a stranger walked into a store in the center of the town around noon with a tire and rim over his shoulder, asked for paper and cord and coolly wrapped up the stolen articles, paid for the wrappings and asked the way to the railroad station. His nerve saved the stranger from arrest, as no one suspected him.—Pittman (N. J.) Dispatch Philadelphia Record.

### Wise Precaution.

"Good-night, Jinks. What are you stuffing all that raw cotton into your ears for?"

"Well, I was told not to stay out late and I believe in preparedness."



## Colds Make Backs Ache

MORE aching backs, more kidney troubles come in March, than in any other month. Stuffy headwinds, dampness, raw winds and sudden changes cause chills and colds. And chills or colds tend to hurt the kidneys. It is good sense to use a kidney remedy when recovering from a cold and at any time when suffering from a lame back, sharp pains when stooping or lifting, dizzy spells, irregular or annoying kidney action, and a run-down, nervous state.

Don't delay and take a chance of getting droopy, gravel, Bright's disease or some other serious kidney disease. Use Doan's Kidney Pills, the best-recommended, special kidney remedy. All over the world grateful people frankly praise Doan's.

### Here's What Indiana People Say:

Ed Joella, 121 N. Fifteenth St., Lafayette, Ind., says: "For several years I suffered from sharp pains across the small of my back. After I caught cold, it affected my kidneys and I had to get up at night to pass the kidney secretions. I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they cured me so permanently that I have never been bothered since. I heartily endorse them."

Mrs. C. Neams, 1512 Locust St., Terre Haute, Ind., says: "Following any hard work or catching cold, my kidneys were often disordered. Then my back got stiff and sore and I awoke with a heavy, throbbing ache through my kidneys. I felt tired and nervous and had dizzy spells. Now when I feel one of these spells coming on I use Doan's Kidney Pills and they always relieve me quickly."

## DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

At All Stores, 50c a Box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



## COLT DISTEMPER

You can prevent this loathsome disease from running through your stable and cure all the colts suffering with it when you begin the treatment. No matter how young, SPONNS is safe to use on any colt. It is wonderful how it prevents all distempers, no matter how colds or horses at any age are "exposed." All good druggists and turf goods houses and manufacturers sell SPONNS at 50 cents and \$1 a bottle; \$5 and \$10 a dozen. SPONNS MEDICAL CO., Chemists and Bacteriologists, Goshen, Ind., U. S. A.

### Not Attractive.

Howell—What do you think of that girl?

Powell—She is one of the reasons why men don't leave home.—Judge.

### BABY'S ITCHING SKIN

Quickly Soothed and Healed by Cuticura. Trial Free.

Bathe with hot water and Cuticura Soap. If there is any irritation anoint gently with Cuticura Ointment on end of finger. Refreshing slumber for restless, fretful babies usually follows the use of these super-creamy emollients. They are a boon to tired mothers.

Free sample each by mail with Book Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

### Japanese Clock Competition.

Consul Albert W. Pontius, Fochow, China, reports the receipt of several inquiries of late concerning the introduction of American clocks of a certain kind. One enterprising Chinese firm had photographs made of five different clocks for which a ready market is found throughout this locality. It is likely that all five clocks find a good sale in China generally. Four of the five clocks shown in the photograph are of Japanese manufacture, every one of the clocks being a distinct style of the old American-made clock sold in the far East many years ago. The enterprising Japanese manufacturer has flooded the market throughout China with his wares, still there is no reason why the American manufacturer should not get a good share of the clock trade, providing he can compete with the cheaper clock of other manufacture.

### In One Lot.

Some years ago in a certain county court, which was not one of the best-fitted-up places, three auctioneers were seated in a pawlike contrivance awaiting the Judge's order to give evidence.

All at once there was a terrible noise in court, and a dense cloud of dust flew up.

"What's that?" asked the judge.

"Oh, it's nothing, your honor," replied a ready and fustious lawyer; "it's only three auctioneers gone off in one lot."

The seat had given way.

### STOPPED SHORT

Taking Tonic, and Built up on Right Food.

The mistake is frequently made of trying to build up a worn-out nervous system on so-called tonics.

New material from which to rebuild used up tissue cells is what should be supplied, and this can be obtained only from proper food.

"I found myself on the verge of a nervous collapse, due to overwork and study, and to illness in the family," writes a Wisconsin woman.

"My friends became alarmed because I grew pale and thin and could not sleep nights. I took various tonics, but their effects were off shortly after I stopped taking them. My food did not seem to nourish me."

"Reading of Grape-Nuts, I determined to stop the tonics and see what a change of diet would do. I ate Grape-Nuts four times a day with cream, and drank milk also, went to bed early after eating a dish of Grape-Nuts."

"In about two weeks I was sleeping soundly. In a short time gained weight and felt like a different woman. Grape-Nuts and fresh air were the only agents used to accomplish the happy results." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

### Children Who Are Sickly

When your child cries at night, tosses restlessly in his crib, is constipated, nervous or has symptoms of worms, you feel worried. Mothers who value their own comfort and the welfare of their children should never be without a box of

### Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children

for use throughout the season. They tend to break up colds, relieve constipation, teething disorders, worms and regulate the bowels. They destroy germs. These powders are pleasant to take and cost for parents to give. They cleanse the stomach, act on the liver and give health. Don't accept substitutes for regulating the child's system.

Get by mothers for 25 years. Sold by all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y. Be sure you ask for and obtain Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

### The Army of Constipation

Is Growing Smaller Every Day.

### CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS

are responsible for not only give relief—they permanently cure Constipation. Millions use them for Biliousness, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Sallow Skin, SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature

W. F. YOUNG, P. O. F., 310 Tenth St., Springfield, Mass.

### 160 ACRES

less school house, all town, 50 unbroken pasture, good well, soil sandy loam, 5000 ft. from town, small barn. Price \$50 per acre, title perfect. Selling one-half mile square of 160 acres, 1000 ft. from town, 5000 ft. from town, 5000 ft. from town.

### PATENTS

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